

1 What is claimed is:

2 1. A method to design a layout for an Internet Datacenter (IDC) cooling,  
3 comprising:

4 defining the IDC as a collection of cells;

5 pre-characterizing the cells of the IDC;

6 determining an arrangement of the cells within the IDC; and

7 determining a profile for one or more parameters of interest for each cell.  
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9 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters of interest of a cell include one  
10 or more of a maximum temperature, noise, electromagnetic interference, cost, and air flow  
11 rate.  
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13 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining the IDC includes one or  
14 more of:

15 modeling components of the IDC as the collection of cells, wherein each of the cells  
16 is one of a global and a local type;

17 assigning characteristics to each of the cells; and

18 assigning constraints to each of the cells.  
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20 4. The method of claim 3, wherein:

21 the characteristics include one or more of a server type, vent tile pitch, orientation,  
22 ceiling plenum, floor plenum, and air conditioning; and

23 the constraints include one or more of placement constraints, upgrade restraints, and  
24 dependencies.  
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5. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of modeling components includes sizing the cells such that interaction between local cells is negligible in a simulation.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of pre-characterizing the IDC comprises one or more of;

generating a look-up table of coefficients of the one or more parameters of interest for each cell; and

and generating a fitting formula of coefficients of the one or more parameters of interest for each cell.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein computational flow dynamics is used to generate one or more of the look-up table and the fitting formula.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of determining the profile for one or more parameters of interest for each cell includes determining one or more values corresponding to each of the one or more parameters of interest for each cell.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the one or more values of the parameters of interest are determined for each cell based on one or more of:

- the cell arrangement;
- the look-up table of coefficients;
- the fitting formula of coefficients; and
- the characteristics of the cell.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the characteristics include at least one of a  
2 server type, vent tile pitch, orientation, ceiling plenum, floor plenum, and air conditioning.

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4 11. The method of claim 9, wherein a multiple regression equation is used to  
5 determine the one or more values of the parameters of interest for each cell.

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7 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising one or more of:  
8 calculating costs based on the profiles of one or more parameters of interest of the  
9 cells; and

10 verifying solution from the step of determining the profile.

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12 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the calculated cost is measured in one or  
13 more of money, power consumption, server density, usability, and efficiency.

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15 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of verifying solution includes using  
16 computational flow dynamics simulation.

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18 15. The method of claim 1, further including iterating one or more times through  
19 the steps of:

20 calculating costs based on the profiles of one or more parameters of interest of the  
21 cells;

22 optimizing the cell arrangement based on the results of the calculating step;

23 determining the arrangement of cells based on the optimizing step; and

24 determining the profile for the one or more parameters of interest.  
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1           16.     The method of claim 15, wherein the step of optimizing solution includes  
2     using at least one of genetic algorithm, simulated annealing algorithm, threshold acceptance  
3     algorithm, branch and bound algorithm, and gradient-descent algorithm.

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5           17.     A system to design a layout for Internet Datacenter (IDC) cooling, comprising:  
6     a definition module configured to define the IDC as a collection of cells;  
7     a pre-characterization module configured to generate pre-characterization information  
8     of the cells of the IDC to a coefficient table;  
9     an arrangement module configured to determine an arrangement of the cells within  
10    the IDC; and  
11    a profiler module configured to determine a profile for one or more parameters of  
12    interest for each cell based on the pre-characterization information from the coefficient table.

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14           18.     The system of claim 17, wherein the parameters of interest of a cell include  
15    one or more of a maximum temperature, noise, electromagnetic interference, cost, and air  
16    flow rate.

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18           19.     The system of claim 17, wherein the definition module is configured to:  
19    model components of the IDC as the collection of cells, wherein each of the cells is  
20    one of a global and a local type;  
21    assign characteristics to each of the cells; and  
22    assign constraints to each of the cells.

1           20.     The system of claim 19, wherein:

2           the characteristics include one or more of a server type, vent tile pitch, orientation,  
3           ceiling plenum, floor plenum, and air conditioning; and

4           the constraints include one or more of placement constraints, upgrade restraints, and  
5           dependencies.

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7           21.     The system of claim 19, wherein the definition module is further configured to  
8           size the cells such that interaction between local cells is negligible in a simulation.

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10          22.     The system of claim 17, wherein the pre-characterization module comprises:

11          a computational flow dynamics (CFD) interface module configured to interface with  
12          an external source of CFD data;

13          a look-up table / fitting formulation generation module configured to generate one or  
14          more of a look-up table of coefficients and a fitting formula of the one or more parameters of  
15          interest for each cell; and

16          a coordinator module configured to coordinate activities of the CFD interface module  
17          and the look-up table / fitting formula generator module and to write the one or more of the  
18          look-up table of coefficients and the fitting formula of the one or more parameters to the  
19          coefficient table.

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21          23.     The system of claim 22, wherein the profiler module is further configured to  
22          determine one or more values corresponding to each of the one or more parameters of interest  
23          for each cell based the pre-characterization information from the coefficient table.

1           24.     The system of claim 23, wherein the one or more values of the parameters of  
2 interest are determined for each cell based on one or more of:

3           the cell arrangement;

4           the look-up table of coefficients;

5           the fitting formula of coefficients; and

6           one or more characteristics of the cell.

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8           25.     The system of claim 20, wherein the characteristics include one or more of a  
9 server type, vent tile pitch, orientation, ceiling plenum, floor plenum, and air conditioning.

10          26.     The system of claim 17, further comprising one or more of:

11           a cost calculate module calculating costs based on the profiles of one or more  
12 parameters of interest of the cells; and

13           verifier module verifying solution from the profiler module.

14          27.     The system of claim 26, wherein the cost calculate module calculates cost  
15 measured in one or more of money, power consumption, server density, usability, and  
16 efficiency.

17          28.     The system of claim 26, wherein the verifier module is configured to verify  
18 solution includes using computational flow dynamics simulation.

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20          29.     The system of claim 26, further comprising:

21           an optimizer module configured optimize solution based on results reached by the  
22 cost calculate module.  
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2 30. The system of claim 29, wherein the optimizer module utilizes at least one of  
3 genetic algorithm, simulated annealing algorithm, threshold acceptance algorithm, branch and  
4 bound algorithm, and gradient-descent algorithm.

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6 31. The system of claim 29, wherein the arrangement module is further configured  
7 to arrange cells of the IDC based on results of the optimizer module.

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9 32. A system capable of designing a layout for Internet Datacenter (IDC) cooling,  
10 comprising:

11 means to define the IDC as a collection of cells;

12 means to pre-characterize the cells of the IDC;

13 means to determine an arrangement of the cells within the IDC; and

14 means to determine a profile for one or more parameters of interest for each cell.

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16 33. The system of claim 32, wherein the means to define include:

17 means to model components of the IDC as the collection of cells, wherein each of the  
18 cells is one of a global and a local type;

19 means to assign characteristics to each of the cells; and

20 means to assign constraints to each of the cells.

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22 34. The system of claim 33, wherein the means to define further includes means to  
23 configure sizes the cells such that interaction between local cells is negligible in a simulation.

1           35.     The system of claim 32, further comprising one or more of:

2                 means to calculate costs based on the profiles of one or more parameters of interest of

3     the cells; and

4                 means to verify solution from the means to profile.

6           36.     The system of claim 32, further comprising:

7                 means to optimize solution based on results reached by the means to calculate.

9           37.     The system of claim 36, wherein the means to optimize utilizes at least one of  
10     genetic algorithm, simulated annealing algorithm, threshold acceptance algorithm, branch and  
11     bound algorithm, and gradient-descent algorithm.

13           38.     The system of claim 37, wherein the means to arrangement arrange cells of the  
14     IDC based on results of the means to optimize.